Troopers Investigating Shoplifting Turned Robbery – Newark

Newark – Delaware State Police are investigating a shoplifting turned robbery that occurred at the Home Depot Tuesday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:45 p.m., Tuesday, October 05, 2021, at the Home Depot located at 1301 Churchmans Road, Newark. The investigation determined an unknown suspect removed several power tools from the shelves and exited the business without paying. A 39-year-old male employee who observed the theft, confronted the suspect and a physical altercation ensued. During the altercation the suspect removed a knife from his waistband and displayed towards the victim. The victim backed away and suspect fled the scene on foot with the stolen merchandise. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 20-30 years of age, 5'10-6'1" tall, 210-220 lbs., wearing a light colored sweatshirt, and dark pants.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Kirchenbauer of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-365-8525. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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